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Torrance, California
April 15, 1952

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, April 15, 1952, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

This being an Adjourned Regular Meeting, Mayor Haggard stated the regular order of business would be dispensed with and requested Clerk Bartlett to proceed with the canvass of the votes of the General Municipal Election held April 8, 1952. Clerk Bartlett asked if anyone in the audience wished to examine the envelopes to ascertain whether or not they had been opened. There being no one, the envelopes were opened and given to the members of the Council for canvassing. Two errors were disclosed: Precinct 32 credited Mr. Downing with 28 votes and the tally disclosed 29; Precinct 33 credited Mr. Drale with 165 votes and the tally disclosed 164.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2264

RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE APRIL 8, 1952,

declaring Nicolas O. Drale, Victor E. Benstead and Mervin E. Schwab elected to the City Council for a four-year term and Harriett V. Leech elected as City Treasurer for a two-year term. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2264. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. John Fedor rose from the audience stating that Mr. Blount had stated in a local newspaper that he would resign if Mr. Drale were elected, and asked if the statement was true. Mayor Haggard stated the question could be answered some other time, but not at this meeting.

At 8:22, on motion of Councilman Karlow, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the meeting adjourned. Clerk Bartlett first gave the oath of office to Harriett V. Leech, City Treasurer. Mr. Drale, Mr. Benstead and Mr. Schwab were then sworn into office and seated. Following roll call, Councilman Benstead moved that Mr. Drale be appointed Mayor of the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: Benstead and Drale. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Schwab and Spelman. Councilman Blount moved that Mr. Schwab be appointed Mayor of the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Schwab and Spelman. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. Mayor Schwab assumed his chair and the meeting was called to order.

Councilmen Blount and Spelman, on behalf of the City, presented the retiring Councilmen, Mr. Haggard and Mr. Karlow, with gifts in appreciation for their services to the City.

Mayor Schwab expressed his appreciation for the confidence placed in him by the voters, stating he would give his best to the interests of the City; that they hadn't elected a perfect man - that no one is perfect; that they would listen to constructive criticism and welcome it, and hoped the Council would not be subjected to too much destructive criticism.

Councilman Drale first introduced Mr. Albert Isen, as the man "who almost made the Council" and thanked all those who worked so hard and gave so much of their time to help the campaign. He stated they had paid no one to work for them, while it was rumored workers for the opposition had been paid by the big corporations. He concluded his remarks by stating he would work twice as hard the next four years as he had in the past four years.

Councilman Benstead expressed his appreciation for the confidence of the voters and stated he would do everything in his power to work in harmony with the Council and the appointed officers of the City; that he would work for the interests of all of the people of Torrance and not just a few.

Mayor Schwab thanked the retiring Councilmen for the many hours they had given of their time to the City.

Mr. Haggard and Mr. Karlow displayed their gifts and expressed their thanks to the City.

At 8:35 P.M., on motion of Councilman Spelman, seconded by Councilman Blount and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE